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SUBJECT: ITALIAN POSTPONEMENT OF DECISION ON PARTICIPATION IN

POST APOLLO

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1. ITALIAN PRESS AUG 1 CARRIED REPORTS THAT GOI WAS NOT RPT NOT
WILLING TO MAKE COMMITMENT ON PARTICIPATION IN POST APOLLO PROGRAM
BEFORE SEPT 15.

2. FRG EMBASSY COUNSELOR PALLASCH CALLED ON EMBOFF AUGUST 1 TO
INFORM US OF STEPS WHICH FRG TAKEN TO PRESS ITALIANS ON THEIR
PARTICIPATION. IN FRG AIDE MEMOIRE DATED JULY 6, IN LETTER
FROM EHMKE TO NEW MINISTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BUCALOSSI DATED
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JULY 11 AND IN ANOTHER FRG AIDE MEMOIRE DATED JULY 24, FRG

URGED GOI TO CONFIRM ITS PARTICIPATION IN SPACELAB PROJECT.

JULY 24 AIDE MEMOIRE ALSO URGED ITALIAN PARTICIPATION,

IF ONLY SYMBOLIC SORT, IN L3S.

3. ON JULY 30, PALLASCH LEARNED FROM TRELLA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES, THAT GOI HAD DECIDED NOT TO COMMIT ITSELF TO PARTICIPATION AT ESRO MEETING, AND FRG EMBASSY INFORMED BONN. PALLASCH REPORTS BRANDT WAS INVOLVED IN DECISION TO REQUEST FRG AMBASSADOR IN ROME TO GO IN ONCE AGAIN TO GOI. AMBASSADOR LAHR MET WITH PRIME MINISTER RUMOR EARLY MORNING OF JULY 31. AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH LAHR PRESENTED REMINDED GOI THAT US DEADLINE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPACELAB IS AUGUST 15; IT URGED RUMOR IN NAME OF BRANDT NOT TO REFUSE GOI ADHERENCE TO SPACELAB AGREEMENT. GOI REPLY CAME TWO HOURS LATER FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING - THAT GOI COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.

4. PRESS REPORTS THAT GOI COULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE DECISION NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN SPACELAB BECAUSE IT WANTED TO RENEW REVIEW BUDGET FOR 1974. PRESS ALSO CARRIED HEADLINES REPORTING DRASTICALLY TRIMMED BUDGET FOR 1974 AIMING AT CONTAINING GOVERNMENT DEFICIT. PROJECTED DEFICIT IS EQUIVALENT TO 14.8 BILLION DOLLARS IN A TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE OF 44.5 BILLION DOLLARS. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH FONMIN MORO AUG 3. ON BASIS DEPTEL 151578 BUT IN VIEW OF ABOVE WE DOUBT STRONGLY THAT GOI WILL GIVE US REQUESTED ASSURANCES PRIOR MID-SEPTEMBER. VOLPE

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